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The frauds he learn'd in his fanatical years  
Made him uneasy in his lawful gears. *Dryden.*

3. Stuff. *Hammer.*  
If fortune be a woman, she is a good wench for this gear. *Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.*

4. [In Scotland.] Goods or riches: as, he has gear enough.

GE'ASON. *adj.* [A word which I find only in *Spenser*.] Wonderful.

It to Leeches seem'd strange and geafon. *Hubbard's Tale.*

GEAT. *n. f.* [corrupted from *gett*.] The hole through which the metal runs into the mold. *Moxon's Mech. Exer.*

GECK. *n. f.* [geac, a cuckoo; *geck*, German, a fool; *gawk*, Scottish.] A bubble easily imposed upon. *Hammer.*

Why did you suffer Jachimo to taint his noble heart and brain with needful jealousy, and to become the geck and scorn o' th' other's villany? *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*

Why have you suffer'd me to be imprison'd,  
And made the most notorious geck and gull  
That e'er invention plaid on? *Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.*

To GECK. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To cheat; to trick.

GEF. A term used by waggoners to their horses when they would have them go faster.

GEFSE. The plural of *geffe*.

GE'FABLE. *adj.* [from *gelu*, Latin.] What may be congealed or concreted into a gelly.

GE'LATINE. *adj.* [gelatus, Latin.] Formed into a gelly; *GE'LATINOUS.* viscous; stiff and cohesive.

That pellucid *gelatinous* substance is an excrement cast off from the shoals of fish that inhabit the main. *Woodward.*

You shall always see their eggs laid carefully up in that spermatick *gelatine* matter, in which they are reposit. *Derh.*

To GELD. *v. a.* preter. *gelded* or *gelt*; part. pass. *gelded* or *gelt*. [gelten, German.]

1. To castrate; to deprive of the power of generation.  
Gold bull-calf and ram-lamb as soon as they fall. *Tusser.*  
Lord Say hath *gelded* the commonwealth, and made it an enunch. *Shakespeare's Henry VI.*

2. To deprive of any essential part.  
He bears his course, and runs me up  
With like advantage on the other side,  
*Gelding* th' oppos'd continent as much.  
As on the other side it takes from you. *Shakespeare's Henry IV.*

3. To deprive of any thing immodest, or liable to objection.  
They were diligent enough to make sure work, and to *geld* it so clearly in some places that they took away the very manhood of it. *Dryden's Preface to Cleomenes.*

GE'LDER. *n. f.* [from *geld*.] One that performs the act of castration.

Geld later with *gelders*, as many one do,  
And look of a dozen to geld away two. *Tass. Husbandry.*  
No fow *gelder* did blow his horn  
To geld a cat, but cry'd reform. *Hudibras, p. i. cant. 2.*

GE'LDER-ROSE. *n. f.* [I suppose brought from *Gelderland*.]  
The leaves are like those of the maple-tree: the flowers consist of one leaf, which expands in a circular rose form, and is divided at the top into five parts: these are collected in form of an umbel, the largest of which grow on the outside, and are barren; but those in the middle are fruitful, producing red berries, in each of which is contained one flat heart-shaped seed.

The species are three. If the soil be moist, this plant affords a very agreeable prospect, both in the season when it is in flower, and also in the Autumn, when the fruit is ripe, which generally grows in large clusters, and is of a beautiful colour. *Miller.*

The *gelder-rose* is increased by suckers and cuttings. *Mort.*

GE'LDING. *n. f.* [from *geld*.] Any animal castrated, particularly an horse.

Though naturally there be more males of horses, bulls or rams than females; yet artificially, that is, by making *geldings*, oxen and weathers, there are fewer. *Graunt.*

The lord lieutenant may chuse out one of the best horses, and two of the best *geldings*; for which shall be paid one hundred pounds for the horse, and fifty pounds a-piece for the *geldings*. *Temple.*

GE'LDID. *adj.* [gelidus, Latin.] Extremely cold.

From the deep ooze and *gelid* cavern rous'd,  
They flounce. *Thomson's Spring.*

GE'LDITY. *n. f.* [from *gelid*.] Extreme cold. *Di.*

GE'LDINESS. *n. f.* [from *gelid*.] Extreme cold. *Di.*

GE'LLY. *n. f.* [gelatus, Latin.] Any viscous body; viscosity; glue; gluy substance.

My best blood turn  
To an infected *gelly*. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*

The tapers of the gods,  
The fun and moon, became like waxen globes,  
The shooting stars end all in purple *gellies*,  
And chaos is at hand. *Dryden and Lee's Oedipus.*

The white of an egg will coagulate by a moderate heat, and the hardest of animal solids are resolvable again into *gellins*. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*

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GELT. *n. f.* [from *geld*.] A castrated animal; gelding.

The spayed *gels*; they esteem the most profitable. *Mortimer.*

GELT. *n. f.* [corrupted for the sake of rhyme from *gelt*.] Tinsel; gilt surface.

I won her with a girdle of *gelt*,  
Emboss'd with bugle about the belt. *Spenser's Pastoral.*

GELT. The participle passive of *geld*.

Let the others be *gelt* for oxen. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

GEM. *n. f.* [gemma, Latin.]

1. A jewel; a precious stone of whatever kind.  
Love his fancy drew;  
And so to take the gem Urania fought. *Sidney.*  
I saw his bleeding rings,  
Their precious *gems* new lost, became his guide,  
Led him, begg'd for him, fav'd him from despair. *Shakespeare.*  
It will seem a hard matter to shadow a *gem*, or well pointed diamond, that hath many fides, and to give the lustre where it ought. *Peacocks on Drawing.*

Spices of small worth may lie unseen by day;  
But night itself does the rich *gem* betray. *Cowley.*

The basis of all *gems* is, when pure, wholly diaphanous, and either crystal or an adamant matter; but we find the diaphaneity of this matter changed, by means of a fine metallic matter. *Woodward.*

2. The first bud.

From the joints of thy prolific stem  
A swelling knot is raised, call'd a *gem*;  
Whence, in short space, itself the cluster shows. *Denham.*  
Emboss'd on do they come,  
And swell the *gems*, and burst the narrow room. *Dryden.*  
The orchard loves no wave  
With Winter winds, before the *gem* exert  
Their feeble heads. *Philips.*

To GEM. *v. a.* [gemma, Latin.] To adorn, as with jewels or buds.

To GEM. *v. n.* [gemma, Latin.] To put forth the first buds.

Last rose, in dance, the stately trees, and spread  
Their branches; hung with copious fruit; or *gemm'd*  
Their blossoms. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vii.*

GEM'ELLIPAROUS. *adj.* [gemelli and paria, Latin.] Bearing twins. *Di.*

To GEMINATE. *v. a.* [geminus, Latin.] To double. *Di.*

GEMINATION. *n. f.* [from *geminare*.] Repetition; reduplication.

Be not afraid of them that kill the body: fear him, which, after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, a *geminatio*, which the present controversy shews not to have been causeless, fear him. *Eph.*

GE'MINY. *n. f.* [geminus, Latin.] Twins; a pair; a brace; a couple.

I have grated upon my good friends for three reprieves for you, and your couch-fellow, Nim; or else you had looked through the grate, like a *geminus* of baboons. *Shakespeare.*

A *geminus* of asses split, would make just four of you. *Cingr.*

GE'MINOUS. *adj.* [geminus, Latin.] Double.

Christians have baptized these *geminous* births, and double connascencies, with several names, as conceiving in them a distinction of souls. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. iii.*

GE'MMARY. *adj.* [from *gem*.] Pertaining to gems or jewels.

The principle and *gemmary* affection is its translucency: as for irradiancy, which is found in many gems, it is not discoverable in this. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. i. c. 2.*

GE'MMEOUS. *adj.* [gemmeus, Latin.]

1. Tending to gems.

Sometimes we find them in the *gemmeous* matter itself. *Woodward.*

2. Resembling gems.

GEMMOUSITY. *n. f.* [from *gem*.] The quality of being a jewel. *Di.*

GE'MOTE. *n. f.* The court of the hundred. Obsolete.

GE'NDER. *n. f.* [genus, Latin; *gendre*, French.]

1. A kind; a sort.

Our bodies are our gardens, to the which our wills are gardeners; so that if we will supply it with one *gender* of herbs, or distract it with many, the power and corrigible authority of this lies in our will. *Shakespeare's Othello.*

The other motive,  
Why to a public court I might not go,  
Is the great love the general *gender* bear me. *Shak. Hamlet.*

2. A sex.

3. [In grammar.] A denomination given to nouns, from their being joined with an adjective in this or that termination. *Clark.*

Cubitus, sometimes cubitum in the neutral *gender*, signifies the lower part of the arm on which we lean. *Arbutnot.*

Ulysses speaks of Nauficaa, yet immediately changes the words into the masculine *gender*. *Notes on the Odyssey.*

To GE'NDER. *v. a.* [gendrer, French.]

1. To beget.

2. To produce; to cause.

Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do *gender* strife. *2 Tim. ii. 23.*

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To GE'NDER. *v. n.* To copulate; to breed.

A cistern for foul toads *Shakespeare's Othello.*  
To *gender* in.  
Thou shalt not let thy cattle *gender* with a diverse kind. *Lev. xix. 19.*

GENEALOGICAL. *adj.* [from *genealogy*.] Pertaining to descents or families; pertaining to the history of the successions of houses.

GENEALOGIST. *n. f.* [γενεαλογιστῆς, French.] He who traces descents.

GENEALOGY. *n. f.* [γενεαλογία, French.] History of the succession of families; enumeration of descent in order of succession; a pedigree.

The ancients ranged chaos into several regions; and in that order successively rising one from another, as if it was a pedigree or *genealogy*. *Barnet's Theory of the Earth.*

GE'NERABLE. *adj.* [from *genero*, Latin.] That may be produced or begotten.

GE'NERAL. *adj.* [general, French; generalis, Latin.]

1. Comprehending many species or individuals; not special; not particular.

To conclude from particulars to *generals* is a false way of arguing. *Notes to Pope's Odyssey.*

2. Lax in signification; not restrained to any special or particular import.

Where the author speaks more strictly and particularly on any theme, it will explain the more loose and *general* expressions. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*

3. Not restrained by narrow or distinctive limitations.

A *general* idea is an idea in the mind, considered there as separated from time and place, and so capable to represent any particular being that is conformable to it. *Locke.*

4. Relating to a whole class or body of men, or a whole kind of any being.

They, because some have been admitted without trial, make that fault *general* which is particular. *Whitgift.*

5. Public; comprising the whole.

Nor would we deign him burial of his men,  
'Till he disbur'd, at Saint Colmekill's side,  
Ten thousand dollars to our *general* use. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*  
Nor fail'd they to express how much they prais'd,  
That for the *general* safety he despis'd  
His own. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ii.*

6. Not directed to any single object.

If the same thing be peculiarly evil, that *general* averfion will be turned into a particular hatred against it. *Spratt.*

7. Extensive, though not universal.

8. Common; usual.

I've been bold,  
For that I knew it the most *general* way. *Shakespeare's Timon.*

9. *General* is appended to several offices: as, Attorney General, Solicitor General, Vicar General.

GE'NERAL. *n. f.*

1. The whole; the totality; the main, without insisting on particulars.

That which makes an action fit to be commanded or forbidden, can be nothing else, in *general*, but its tendency to promote or hinder the attainment of some end. *Norris.*

In particulars our knowledge begins, and so spreads itself by degrees to *generals*. *Locke.*

I have considered Milton's *Paradise Lost* in the fable, the characters, the sentiments, and the language; and have shewn that he excels, in *general*, under each of these heads. *Addison.*

2. The public; the interest of the whole. Not in use.

Neither my place, nor ought I heard of business,  
Hath rais'd me from my bed; nor doth the *general*  
Take hold on me; for my particular grief  
Ingulds and swallows other sorrows. *Shakespeare's Othello.*

3. The vulgar. Not in use.

The play, I remember, pleas'd not the million; 'twas cavare to the *general*: but it was, as I received it, and others, whose judgment in such matters cried in the top of mine, an excellent play. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*

4. [General, Fr.] One that has the command over an army.

A *general* is one that hath power to command an army. *Loc.*

The *generals* on the enemy's side are inferior to several that once commanded the French armies. *Addison on the War.*

The war's whole art each private soldier knows,  
And with a *general's* love of conquest glows. *Addison.*

GE'NERALISSIMO. *n. f.* [generalissimo, French, from *general*.] The supreme commander. It is often rather a title of honour than office.

Commission of *generalissimo* was likewise given to the prince. *Clarendon, b. viii.*

Pompey had deserved the name of great; and Alexander, of the same cognomination, was *generalissimo* of Greece. *Brown.*

GE'NERALITY. *n. f.* [generalité, French, from *general*.]

1. The state of being general; the quality of including species or particulars.

Because the curiosity of man's wit doth with peril wade farther in the search of things than were convenient, the same

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is thereby refrained unto such *generalities* as, every where offering themselves, are apparent to men of the weakest conceit. *Hooker, b. i. f. 6.*

These certificates do only in the *generality* mention the parties contumacious and disobedience. *Ayliffe's Pervergon.*

2. The main body; the bulk; the common mass.

There is a great necessity, though not apparent, as not extending to the *generality*, but resting upon private heads. *Raleigh's Essays.*

By his own principles he excludes from salvation the *generality* of his own church; that is, all that do not believe upon his grounds. *Tillotson, Sermon 1.*

The *generality* of the English have such a favourable opinion of treason, nothing can cure them. *Addison's Freeholder.*

They publish their ill-natured discoveries with a secret pride, and applaud themselves for the singularity of their judgment, which has found a flaw in what the *generality* of mankind admires. *Addison's Spectator.*

Such treatment has its effect among the *generality* of those whose hands it falls into. *Addison's Spectator.*

The wisest were distracted with doubts, while the *generality* wandered without any ruler. *Rogers, Sermon 3.*

GE'NERALLY. *adv.* [from *general*.]

1. In general; without specification or exception.

I am not a woman to be touch'd with so many giddy fancies as he hath *generally* taxed their whole sex withal. *Shakespeare.*

*Generally* we would not have those that read this work of Sylva Sylvarum, account it strange that we have set down particulars untried. *Bacon's Natural History.*

2. Extensively, though not universally.

3. Commonly; frequently.

4. In the main; without minute detail; in the whole taken together.

*Generally* speaking, they live very quietly. *Addison's Guardian.*

*Generally* speaking, they have been gaining ever since, though with frequent interruptions. *Swift.*

GE'NERALNESS. *n. f.* [from *general*.] Wide extent, though short of universality; frequency; commonness.

They had with a general consent, rather springing by the *generalness* of the cause than of any artificial practice, set themselves in arms. *Sidney.*

GE'NERALTY. *n. f.* [from *general*.] The whole; the totality.

The municipal laws of this kingdom are of a vast extent, and include in their *generality* all those several laws which are allowed as the rule of justice and judicial proceedings. *Hale.*

GE'NERANT. *n. f.* [generans, Latin.] The begetting or productive power.

Some believe that the soul is made by God, some by angels, and some by the *generant*: whether it be immediately created or traduced hath been the great ball of contention to the later ages. *Glanv. Scen. c. 4.*

In such pretended generations the *generant* or active principle is supposed to be the sun, which, being an inanimate body, cannot act otherwise than by his heat. *Ray on the Creat.*

To GENERATE. *v. a.* [genero, Latin.]

1. To beget; to propagate.

Those creatures which being wild *generate* seldom, being tame, *generate* often. *Bacon's Natural History.*

2. To cause; to produce.

God created the great whales, and each  
Soul living, each that crept, which plenteously  
The waters *generated* by their kinds. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
Or find some other way to *generate*  
Mankind. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. x. l. 894.*

Sounds are *generated* where there is no air at all. *Bacon.*

Whatever *generates* a quantity of good chyle, must likewise *generate* milk. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*

GE'NERATION. *n. f.* [generation, French, from *generate*.]

1. The act of begetting or producing.

Seals make excellent impressions; and so it may be thought of sounds in their first *generation*: but then the dilation of them, without any new sealings, shews they cannot be impressions. *Bacon's Natural History.*

He longer will delay, to hear thee tell  
His *generation*, and the rising birth  
Of nature from the unapparent deep. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

If we deduce the several races of mankind in the several parts of the world from *generation*, we must imagine the first numbers of them, who in any place agree upon any civil constitutions, to assemble as so many heads of families whom they represent. *Temple.*

2. A family; a race.

Yare a dog.  
—Thy mother's of my *generation*: what's she, if I be a dog? *Shakespeare's Timon of Athens.*

3. Progeny; offspring.

The barb'rous Scythian,  
Or he that makes his *generation* mules,  
To gorge his appetite, shall to my bosom  
Be as well neighbour'd. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*

4. A